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1. SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT REFTTEL A, AFR/CWR MET WITH

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR, USAID/NIGERIA, STEVE CHRISTMAS AND AID/W/

NIGERIA DESK OFFICER JACK WILSON. RESULT OF MEETING WAS CONSENSUS THAT THERE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR UNDERSTANDING BY ALL PARTIES AS TO WHAT SPECIALIZED SERVICE WAS BEING REQUESTED OF USAID/NIGERIA.

2. LONG-TERM PROPOSAL FOR RFFPO/LAGOS AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL E WAS TO PROVIDE REGIONAL SERVICE FOR SAHEL RELATED PL-480 MATTERS BASED ON ASSUMPTION OF A CONTINUATION OF PREVIOUS LEVELS OF FOOD SHIPMENTS INTO THE COASTAL PORTS OF APAPA, PORT HARCOURT, TEMA, LOME, AND COTONOU. PROPOSAL WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STAFF TO RELIEVE BURDEN ON LAGOS OF WORK REQUIREMENTS UNRELATED TO IMMEDIATE CONCERN USAID/NIGERIA AND HAVE CWR ASSUME PROPER SHARE OF ADDITIONAL WORK REQUIREMENTS. LAGOS -AS SELECTED AS HOME BASE FOR ONE RFFPO DUE ITS CENTRAL LOCATION AS WELL AS APAPA'S HEAVY ROLE IN RECEIPT OF

SAHEL GRAINS DESTINED FOR DROUGHT AFFECTED COUNTRIES. ADDITIONAL RFFPO'S ALSO ASSIGNED DAKAR AND ABIDJAN. IT OUR PRESENT FEELING THAT OVERALL WORKLOAD SUCH THAT COTONOU/LOME COULD NOT BE HANDLED BY DAKAR/ABIDJAN RFFPO AS SUGGESTED REF A. PER AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTMAS, FINAL DECISION ON ASSIGNMENT RFFPO TO LAGOS WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING HIS RETURN AND OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS LONG-TERM SITUATION WITH MISSION IN LIGHT OF HIS DISCUSSIONS IN AID/W.

3. PER REFTEL B, FOR TDY OFFICER TO LAGOS AT THIS TIME CONCERN IS NOT IN APAPA PORT SITUATION, PER SE, OR IN ABILITY LAGOS HANDLE CURRENT SITUATION AND WORKLOAD AS RELATES TO NIGERIA. IMMEDIATE CONCERNS ARE PL-480 MATTERS AS THEY RELATE TO SPECIAL PROBLEMS WITH GRAIN ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR CHAD AND PORT PROBLEMS IN TEMA, LOME AND COTONOU. VOLAGS IN FIELD WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING DESIGN OF FOOD FOR WORK PROJECTS AND OTHER FEEDING PROGRAMS DURING DECEMBER AND WILL NEED ADVICE OF EXPERIENCED FFPO. WITH CONCURRENCE OF CHRISTMAS, AID/W PROCEEDING WITH PROCESSING OF WILLARD J. PEARSON AS TDY TO UNDERTAKE SCOPE OF SHORT-TERM WORK AS OUTLINED ABOVE AND IN REFTEL B WITH UNDERSTANDING AS NOTED PARA 2 UNCLASSIFIED

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ABOVE, THAT LONGER TERM ISSUE WILL BE SETTLED AFTER FULL DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL ASPECTS BY PARTIES CONCERNED.

4. FYI: STATE 236171 IN ERROR. LAGOS NOT REQUIRED TO FUND TDY COSTS. PEARSON TO BE FUNDED BY REGIONAL CONTROLLER NIAMEY PER REFTEL F. AS PEARSON WILL BE UNDER FULL PER-DIEM LOGISTICAL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

BY LAGOS SHOULD BE MINIMAL.

5. FOR NIAMEY: REQUEST REGIONAL CONTROLLER NIAMEY
SUPPLY FUNDING DATA REQUESTED PER REFTEL F PRIORITY. KISSINGER

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